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1. [] ship visited Arkhangelsk from 6 to 15 June and from 21 to 27 July 1954. The ship was inspected in port by two police officers, one of whom wore gold shoulder boards with two blue stripes and three stars, while the other wore shoulder boards with a broad blue stripe and two stars. During the first period [] few naval vessels in Solombala. During the visit in July, there were several minesweepers or minelayers 40 to 50 meters in length, with a flush deck and a single low stack. There were also two troop transporters [] 5,000 to 6,000 BRT, a steamer with two stacks and a large passenger superstructure of two decks over the main deck. [] a motor ship of 1,000 to 1,500 BRT, with one deck above the main deck and one stack. 25X1

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2. [] a four-engined aircraft high over Arkhangelsk. Its speed seemed to be about that of a MIG jet, and it left four vapor trails. Jet planes with swept-back wings and single or twin engines were seen regularly over the city. [] on Keg Island, [] a single-engined jet coming from the south land on the eastern side of the field, parallel to the river. There were three or four twin-engined DAKOTA aircraft on the island. The field appeared to be covered with grass. The control tower was located on the southern edge of the field with some other buildings [] North-east of these buildings, a large number of oil drums were lying around the corner of the field. [] about 24 guard posts in the area of the field, most of them in the vicinity of the oil drums. While [] ship passed through the canals south of the airfield, it was observed from the control tower by personnel using field glasses. 25X1

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